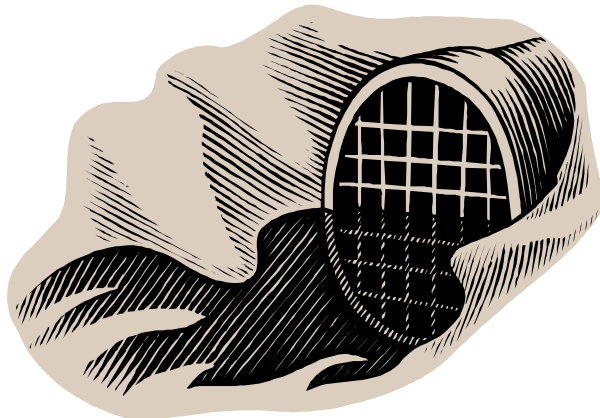




YARD WASTE...

**IN STORMWATER DRAINS, CREEKS & DITCHES PRE-
VENTS PROPER DRAINAGE AND DEGRADES WATER
QUALITY IN THE TAR RIVER, STONEY CREEK, AND
OTHER AREA LAKES AND STREAMS.**



YARD WASTE IN STORM DRAINS PREVENTS PROPER DRAINAGE AND IS A VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCES.

Please do not dispose of yard waste (such as grass, leaves, tree or brush trimmings, branches, garden waste, or any other undesirable items) on the creek banks, ditches, or in the storm drains.

If we are not careful, yard waste can cause a problem for our storm drainage system.



Storm drains are not meant to accept yard debris. When grass, leaves, and other yard waste makes its way into storm drains, it results in flooding and degrades water quality by removing oxygen and adding excessive nitrogen.



Accumulated yard waste requires crews to spend more time on maintenance, which reduces the amount of time available for street crews to make improvements to the drainage system.

PLEASE DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE CORRECTLY

Curbside pickup is always an option but remember, storm water needs a place to drain. Please do not block curb, ditches, or inlets when placing your yard waste at the street.

OR

AS AN ALTERNATIVE



Use your clippings to fertilize your yard, create a compost pile or mulch yard debris.

Don't put grass clippings and leaves in storm drainage system.

Don't blow grass and leaves into street or parking lots.

Don't throw yard waste, trash or debris in the ditch.

**For more information or to report dumping call 972-1500 or visit us at
www.ci.rocky-mount.nc.us/publicworks/**

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